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1. UK NATO DEL HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT UK REP TO SCIENCE
COMMITTEE (SC) AT FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL PUT FORWARD PROPOSAL
THAT SC ADOPT PRACTICE OF MAKING ANNUAL REPORT TO NORTH
ATLANTIC COUNCIL. HMG SCIENCE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT BY THIS
MEANS SC COULD GENERATE GREATER APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT AT
POLITICAL LEVEL THROUGHOUT ALLIANCE OF ITS ACTIVITIES,
ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS; THIS IN TURN SHOULD REINFORCE SC'S
CONTINUING EFFORT TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ITS PROGRAM.

2. WE BELIEVE ANNUAL SC REPORT TO NAC WOULD BE USEFUL AND ENTIRELY
APPROPRIATE STEP WHICH COULD INDEED HAVE FAVOURABLE IMPACT ON
STANDING OF SCIENCE PROGRAM AND WOULD BE MORE CONSISTENT WITH
PRACTICE OF OTHER NATO BODIES. WE RECOMMEND THAT US DELEGATE
TO SC BE PREPARED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO UK INITIATIVE--
WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE CIRCULATED JUST BEFORE SC MEETING
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IN FORM OF LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OZDAS FROM UK'S NEW SC REP,
PROF. S.F. EDWARDS.

3. WE MIGHT NOTE THAT FOREGOING WILL MARK YET ANOTHER

POSITIVE STEP INTO SC BUSINESS BY PROF. EDWARDS, WHO READILY VOLUNTEERED AT LAST SC MEETING TO SERVE ON 5-MAN AD HOC GROUP OF SC MEMBERS TO RE-EXAMINE FUNCTIONS OF SC SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND REPORT AT FORTHCOMING MEETING (SEE REFTEL). THE PERSONAL INTEREST HE HAS ALREADY SHOWN, PLUS THE TECHNICAL AND INTELLECTUAL RESOURECS BEHIND HIM IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF UK SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL, AUGUR WELL FOR FUTURE UK CONTRIBUTION TO SC PROGRAM AND FOR VIGOR OF PROGRAM GENERALLY. (WE SIMILARLY IMPRESSED AT LAST SC MEETING BY NEW DUTCH SC REP DR. L.B.J. STUYT, FORMER GON MINISTER OF ENVIRON-
MENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND NOW HEAD OF NETHERLANDS BIG CENTRAL TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION (TNO), WHO ALSO SERVING ON AD HOC GROUP WITH EDWARDS.)
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